AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend paragraph nos. [0028], [0031], and [0032] (as numbered in the U.S. publication of this application) as follows:

[0028] As shown in the prior art, rods 35 and 36 were rectilinear and could have curved ends to ease placement of the anchoring devices, while the present device 2 may include arched or curved rods 35c and 3~~6~~7c, along their entire length. In this case, test results have shown a normal operation of the device. The advantage gained from this improvement is that damage to the surrounding tissues can be avoided by lengthen the anchoring distances by carefully following a curvature chosen at the beginning by the operator. Moreover, this curvature may be adjusted due to the malleability of the material constituting the rods, which, after testing, can be deformed by the operator.

[0031] As we have already mentioned, device 3 can receive rectilinear or curvilinear rods that are curved at various radii. A device 2 can be positioned consisting of a device 3 having a rectilinear rod 37 on one side, and a curved or arched rod 3~~6~~5c on the other side.

[0032] In this latter case, 3~~6~~5c is curved to avoid causing injury and to allow lengthening near the anatomic curve (Fig. 6). Device 2 resulting from the combination of devices 3 and 1 allows the straightening of the trunk by adjustment of the central means 300 and its means 312, 341 and 342 through a highly targeted, surgical procedure only slightly invasive and performed under local anesthesia.